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**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (currently amended): A method comprising:  
detecting a device;  
detecting a device type of the device; [[and]]  
transmitting a signal to the device for selectively disabling a function of the device based on the device type;  
requesting a payment to restore device function;  
executing a payment transaction; and  
restoring the disabled function of said device in response to said payment transaction.
2. (currently amended): The method according to Claim 1 further comprising:  
detecting a location of the device;  
wherein selectively disabling a function of the device is based on the location of the device.
3. (currently amended): The method according to Claim 2 further comprising  
exempting the disabling of functions of the device in response to detecting device  
characteristics indicative of emergency services ~~wherein disabling the function is based~~  
~~on the location of the device.~~

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4. (original): The method according to Claim 1 further comprising detecting a profile containing a device type field and a function field.

5. (original): The method according to Claim 4 further comprising storing the profile with a storage module.

6. (currently amended): The method according to Claim 1 wherein the function to be selectively disabled is a function which produces ~~is producing~~ an audible alert, or emits an audible sound.

7. (currently amended): The method according to Claim ~~[[1]]~~ 6 wherein the function to be selectively disabled is the ability to carry on a conversation on a cellular phone ~~is emitting an audible sound from the device~~.

8. (currently amended): The method according to Claim 1 wherein the function to be selectively disabled is a function which captures ~~is capturing~~ an image with the device.

9. (currently amended): The method according to Claim 1;  
wherein the device is a still camera, a video camera, personal digital device with an image capture module, or image capture device.

10. (currently amended): The method according to Claim 1 wherein the device is a cellular phone, or a pager.

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11 ~~[[12]]~~. (currently amended): The method according to Claim 1 wherein the device is a portable music device.

12 ~~[[13]]~~. (currently amended): The method according to Claim 1 wherein said payment transaction comprises a credit card authorization or a micro-payment authorization~~the device is a video camera.~~

13 ~~[[14]]~~. (currently amended): A system comprising:  
means for detecting a device;  
means for detecting a device type of the device; and  
means for transmitting a signal to the device for selectively disabling a function of the device based on the device type;  
means for requesting a payment to restore device function;  
means for executing a payment transaction; and  
means for restoring the disabled function of said device in response to said payment transaction.

14 ~~[[15]]~~. (currently amended): A method comprising:  
detecting a device;  
detecting a device type and location of the device; ~~[[and]]~~  
selectively disabling a function of the device based on the location of the device  
and the device type;  
requesting a payment to restore device function;  
executing a payment transaction; and  
restoring the disabled function of said device in response to said payment transaction.

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15 ~~[[16]]~~. (currently amended): The method according to Claim ~~[[15]]~~ 14 further comprising exempting the disabling of functions of the device in response to detecting certain device characteristics ~~requesting a payment from the device for restoring the function.~~

16 ~~[[17]]~~. (currently amended): The method according to Claim ~~[[16]]~~ 15 wherein said certain device characteristics comprise characteristics which indicate the device is used by the police or emergency services ~~further comprising restoring the function of the device in exchange for the payment.~~

17 ~~[[18]]~~. (currently amended): The method according to Claim ~~[[15]]~~ 14 further comprising recalling a profile including an area field, a device type field, and a function field for disabling the function of the device.

18 ~~[[19]]~~. (currently amended): The method according to Claim ~~[[15]]~~ 14 wherein the device type is an image capturing device.

19 ~~[[20]]~~. (currently amended): The method according to Claim ~~[[15]]~~ 14 wherein the device type is a cellular phone device.

20 ~~[[21]]~~. (currently amended): The method according to Claim ~~[[15]]~~ 14 wherein if said selective disabling of a function is not confirmed, then an indiscriminate disablement of the device is performed or the device is turned off ~~disabling the function turns the device off.~~

21 ~~[[22]]~~. (currently amended): The method according to Claim ~~[[15]]~~ 14 wherein selectively disabling the function prevents the device from emitting sound.

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22 [[23]]. (currently amended): The method according to Claim [[15]] 14 wherein selectively disabling the function prevents the device from capturing an image.

23 [[24]]. (currently amended): A system, comprising:  
a recognition module for detecting a device and a device type of the device;  
a location module for detecting a location of the device; [[and]]  
a storage module configured for storing a profile that selectively disables a  
function of the device based on the device type and the location of the device; and  
a transaction module configured to handle a payment request in exchange for  
restoring the function of the device which was disabled.

24 [[25]]. (currently amended): The system according to Claim [[24]] 23 further  
comprising indiscriminate disabling of the device if said selective disabling of a function  
is not confirmed ~~a transaction module configured to handle a payment request in~~  
~~exchange for restoring the function of the device.~~

25 [[26]]. (currently amended): The system according to Claim [[24]] 23 wherein  
the recognition module further comprises detecting an identity of the device.

26 [[27]]. (currently amended): The system according to Claim [[24]] 23 further  
comprising an interface module for communicating with the device.

27 [[28]]. (currently amended): A computer-readable medium having computer  
executable instructions for performing a method comprising:

- detecting a device;
- detecting a location of the device;

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detecting a device type of the device; [[and]]  
selectively disabling a function of the device based on the location and the  
device type;  
requesting a payment to restore device function;  
executing a payment transaction; and  
restoring the disabled function of said device in response to said payment  
transaction.